

Alberta Population Report

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Second Quarter, 2008*

* Please note that Statistics Canada has revised historical figures to incorporate today's release of the 2006 Census net under-coverage.

POPULATION ESTIMATES

Alberta's population growth continued to be the highest among all provinces in the mid-year of 2008, though slower than the previous twelve months. During the second quarter of 2008, Alberta had strong net inflows of people in both interprovincial and international migration, and a substantial influx of non-permanent residents.

As of July 1, 2008, Alberta's population was estimated to be 3,585,142 (Table 1). This represents a yearly increase of approximately 74,300 persons (or 2.11% growth) since July 1, 2007. Although Alberta's population growth for the past twelve months was the lowest in four years, it was still 80% higher than the national average of 1.17%.

TABLE 1: POPULATION & GROWTH RATES
CANADA & ALBERTA

Population			Yearly Growth Rate		
Jul 1	Canada	Alberta	Jul 1	Canada	Alberta
2004	31,940,676	3,239,471			
2005	32,245,209	3,322,200	2005	0.95%	2.55%
2006	32,576,074	3,421,253	2006	1.03%	2.98%
2007	32,927,372	3,510,892	2007	1.08%	2.62%
2008	33,311,389	3,585,142	2008	1.17%	2.11%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for July 1, 2008 for all provinces and territories and the growth rates since July 1, 2007 are provided in Table 2. As shown in this table, British Columbia and Saskatchewan had the next highest growth rates of 1.65% and 1.63% respectively.

MIGRATION

In the second quarter of 2008 (April 1 to June 30), Alberta had the largest interprovincial migration gain in Canada (Table 3). The province gained 6,730 people in interprovincial migration, as compared to 4,680 in the previous second quarter. The bigger interprovincial gain in this quarter was primarily attributed to the higher net inflow of migrants from Ontario (3,860) and Quebec (2,160), and at the same time the net outflow of Albertans to Saskatchewan (540) and British Columbia (160) was slowing down.

Between April and June of 2008, Alberta's international migration remained very strong with a net inflow of 6,340 international migrants choosing this province. In addition, the net number of non-permanent residents hit a record high level of 7,100 in the second quarter in response to Alberta's labour shortage.

NATURAL INCREASE

During the second quarter of 2008, Alberta posted a natural increase (births minus deaths) of over 7,400 people. The province experienced 12,500 births and 5,100 deaths in the second quarter.

More details of the demographic data are available from Economics and Statistics of Alberta Finance and Enterprise.

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF JULY 1, 2008 & GROWTH RATES SINCE JULY 1, 2007

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	507,895	139,818	938,310	747,302	7,750,504	12,928,996	1,207,959	1,015,985	3,585,142	4,381,603	33,144	43,283	31,448
Growth Rate	0.28%	1.23%	0.24%	0.26%	0.84%	1.06%	1.21%	1.63%	2.11%	1.65%	1.72%	-0.58%	0.63%

Source: Statistics Canada

**TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS
APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 2008**

Origin	Destination												
	NL	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Y.T.	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	59	521	83	99	796	63	0	1,699	183	7	6	32
Prince Edward I.	28	0	191	119	139	240	0	23	213	109	24	0	0
Nova Scotia	520	229	0	795	376	1,733	83	95	1,248	520	22	27	48
New Brunswick	104	155	801	0	414	1,128	81	52	960	204	17	54	42
Quebec	83	225	375	685	0	6,531	352	343	3,030	1,149	21	53	6
Ontario	1,219	319	1,624	998	4,785	0	1,501	1,088	8,889	5,550	63	98	121
Manitoba	80	4	60	87	118	1,238	0	658	1,776	1,074	5	39	8
Saskatchewan	80	0	66	48	236	628	712	0	3,391	1,110	0	28	13
Alberta	1,079	249	1,221	751	866	5,034	1,299	3,930	0	7,776	60	164	71
British Columbia	205	139	690	185	812	4,801	649	1,130	7,620	0	138	65	30
Yukon Territory	0	12	0	35	17	18	5	0	10	271	0	10	0
Northwest Terr.	47	32	74	8	24	93	9	78	280	161	21	0	111
Nunavut Terr.	109	20	13	12	15	73	33	22	114	26	5	60	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	3,554	1,443	5,636	3,806	7,901	22,313	4,787	7,419	29,230	18,133	383	604	482
Out Migration	3,548	1,086	5,696	4,012	12,853	26,255	5,147	6,312	22,500	16,464	378	938	502
Net Migration	6	357	-60	-206	-4,952	-3,942	-360	1,107	6,730	1,669	5	-334	-20

Source: Statistics Canada

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Alberta Migration by Quarter

Quarter	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total	NPR*	Total+NPR
	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Net Migration Including Net NPR
2004											
Jan-Mar	13,863	10,671	3,192	4,074	1,016	508	535	3,085	6,277	521	6,798
Apr-Jun	17,688	14,971	2,717	4,605	1,258	559	927	3,715	6,432	281	6,713
Jul-Sep	22,917	14,138	8,779	4,521	1,969	747	1,407	3,212	11,991	1,065	13,056
Oct-Dec	15,045	8,856	6,189	3,274	963	513	604	2,402	8,591	312	8,903
Total	69,513	48,636	20,877	16,474	5,206	2,327	3,473	12,414	33,291	2,179	35,470
2005											
Jan-Mar	18,653	10,363	8,290	4,355	931	505	582	3,501	11,791	488	12,279
Apr-Jun	25,803	14,638	11,165	5,291	1,082	541	1,068	4,736	15,901	761	16,662
Jul-Sep	25,027	14,884	10,143	5,591	1,920	718	1,280	4,233	14,376	1,621	15,997
Oct-Dec	20,824	7,004	13,820	4,168	1,050	522	496	3,092	16,912	256	17,168
Total	90,307	46,889	43,418	19,405	4,983	2,286	3,426	15,562	58,980	3,126	62,106
2006											
Jan-Mar	23,163	10,843	12,320	4,727	1,033	519	536	3,711	16,031	1,546	17,577
Apr-Jun	22,820	13,308	9,512	5,444	1,170	549	885	4,610	14,122	2,210	16,332
Jul-Sep	34,456	17,727	16,729	5,714	1,861	733	1,261	4,381	21,110	2,612	23,722
Oct-Dec	20,628	12,950	7,678	4,832	992	525	489	3,804	11,482	1,145	12,627
Total	101,067	54,828	46,239	20,717	5,056	2,326	3,171	16,506	62,745	7,513	70,258
2007											
Jan-Mar	18,625	13,900	4,725	4,015	916	507	508	3,100	7,825	3,999	11,824
Apr-Jun	21,947	17,270	4,677	5,595	1,067	543	866	4,851	9,528	5,783	15,311
Jul-Sep	31,491	31,836	-345	6,169	2,044	727	1,257	4,655	4,310	4,653	8,963
Oct-Dec	18,840	17,976	864	5,087	1,074	519	488	3,982	4,846	2,308	7,154
Total	90,903	80,982	9,921	20,866	5,101	2,296	3,119	16,588	26,509	16,743	43,252
2008											
Jan-Mar	22,319	19,558	2,761	5,350	1,055	516	527	4,306	7,067	3,830	10,897
Apr-Jun	29,230	22,500	6,730	7,200	1,196	545	881	6,340	13,070	7,099	20,169
Jul-Sep	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oct-Dec	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	51,549	42,058	9,491	12,550	2,251	1,061	1,408	10,646	20,137	10,929	31,066

* Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of non-permanent residents living in Canada. The five following groups are referred to as NPRs: (1) persons residing in Canada claiming refugee status; (2) persons residing in Canada who hold a study permit; (3) persons residing in Canada who hold a work permit; (4) persons residing in Canada who hold a Minister's permit; (5) all non-Canadian born dependants of persons claiming refugee status, or of persons holding study permits, work permits or Minister's permits and living in Canada.

Source: Statistics Canada

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